

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1188

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gary Wade, Great Smoky Mountains Boy Scout Council Distinguished Citizen for 2022.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gary Wade of Sevier County is one such exemplary person, who was recently honored by the Great Smoky Mountains Boy Scout Council as its Distinguished Citizen for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade received this prestigious recognition during the Boy Scout Council's annual Distinguished Citizen Dinner, which was held this year on February 24th at the Knoxville Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts and the Great Smoky Mountains Boy Scout Council, Gary Wade was chosen to receive the award because his entire career as a public servant and steadfast volunteer in his community truly embodies the spirit of the Boy Scout Oath; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade rendered sterling service in the private practice of law from 1973 to 1987 and served as Mayor of the City of Sevierville from 1977 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, where he served with distinction for nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, he was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Supreme Court; subsequently elected to that position in 2008, he was selected Chief Justice in September 2012; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Supreme Court in 2015, Mr. Wade became the dean of Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law, a position he held for five years; he currently conducts a limited practice of law in mediation for the Knoxville law firm of London-Amburn; and

WHEREAS, Gary Wade is an exemplary citizen whose commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and it is highly appropriate that we should recognize him on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Gary Wade upon being named the Great Smoky Mountains Boy Scout Council's Distinguished Citizen for 2022, applaud his outstanding community leadership and tireless commitment to the well-being of others, and extend to him our warmest wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.